

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A video playback device comprising:  
~~the following configuration:~~

[[a]] video storage means ~~(1494)~~ for storing a plurality of  
videos;

5 [[a]] thumbnail image generation means ~~(134)~~ for generating  
thumbnail images from ~~said the~~ videos ~~and for generating~~  
~~thumbnail images;~~

10 [[a]] thumbnail image storage means ~~(1495, 1497)~~ for storing  
~~the~~ thumbnail images of said the ~~videos and correspondingly~~  
~~appending~~ such that the thumbnail images and the corresponding  
videos from which the thumbnail images were generated are  
associated in plural sets; ~~generated in said thumbnail image~~  
~~generation means;~~

15 [[a]] display means ~~(102)~~ for performing a list display of  
~~the~~ thumbnail images for in the plural sets; ~~stored in said~~  
~~thumbnail image storage means;~~

[[a]] selection means ~~(106)~~ for selecting any one of  
~~a plurality of the~~ thumbnail images displayed in said by the  
display means; and

20 reduction means for reducing the size of the video  
corresponding to the selected thumbnail image to the size of the  
thumbnail image; and

[[a]] playback means for playing the reduced-size video in a display position of the selected thumbnail image. ~~(134) for reducing the size of a particular thumbnail image and replaying a video corresponding to a thumbnail image selected in said selection means in said thumbnail image display position.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The video playback device according to claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the thumbnail image storage means ~~is~~ characterized by comprises:

[[a]] means ~~(1495)~~ for storing only thumbnail images generated by ~~said~~ the thumbnail image generation means; and ~~said means (1495) for storing stored addresses; and~~

[[a]] storage and management means ~~(1497)~~ for ~~correspondingly appending and managing storage addresses of~~ the thumbnail images and storage addresses of the corresponding videos in correspondence with each other.

3. (Currently Amended) The video playback device according to claim 2, wherein ~~said~~ the storage and management means ~~is~~ characterized by ~~correspondingly appending and storing the~~ stores playback time ~~duration acquired from said~~ durations of the videos in correspondence with the storage addresses of the videos.

4. (Currently Amended) The video playback device according to claim 2, wherein ~~said the~~ storage and management means ~~is~~ characterized by correspondingly appending and storing the stores acquisition ~~method source acquired from said~~ sources of the videos in correspondence with the storage addresses of the videos.

5. (Currently Amended) The video playback device according to claim 1, further ~~comprises~~ comprising:

~~an~~ assignment means ~~(134)~~ for assigning a special ~~effects in~~ optional effect to selected frames of a video stored in ~~said the~~ video storage means, ~~;~~ and ~~said wherein the~~ thumbnail image generation means generates [[a]] the thumbnail image of said video from a frame ~~in to~~ which the special ~~effects are~~ effect is not assigned by ~~said the~~ assignment means.

6. (Currently Amended) The video playback device according to claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ thumbnail image generation means generates a thumbnail image from ~~a frame of~~ any of a lead frame, an intermediate frame, or a final frame of a video stored in ~~said~~ the video storage means.

7. (Currently Amended) The video playback device according to claim 1, further ~~comprises~~ comprising:

~~an~~ imaging means ~~(118, 139, 140)~~ for imaging a video; and  
wherein the ~~said~~ video storage means stores the video imaged  
5 by ~~said~~ the imaging means.

8. (Currently Amended) The video playback device according  
to claim 1, further ~~comprises~~ comprising:

[[a]] wireless communication means ~~(103, 130, 131)~~ for  
performing wireless communication; and

5 wherein the ~~said~~ video storage means stores a video received  
by ~~said~~ via the wireless communication means.

9. (Currently Amended) The video playback device according  
to claim 1, further ~~comprises~~ comprising:

~~an~~ input means ~~(145, 146)~~ for acquiring a video ~~externally~~  
from an external source; and

5 wherein the ~~said~~ video storage means stores the video  
inputted by ~~said~~ via the input means.

10. (Currently Amended) The video playback device according  
to claim 1, wherein the video storage means stores a video  
acquired via a broadcasting medium.

11. (Currently Amended) A video playback method comprising  
~~the following steps:~~

~~a thumbnail image generation step for generating thumbnail  
images from a plurality of videos; and for generating thumbnail  
5 images stored in a first memory;~~

~~a thumbnail image storage step for storing the thumbnail  
images of ~~said~~ the videos such that the thumbnail images and the  
corresponding videos from which the thumbnail images were  
generated are associated in plural sets; and correspondingly  
10 appending plural sets generated in said thumbnail image  
generation step in a second memory;~~

~~a display step for performing a list display of the  
thumbnail images for in the plural sets; ~~stored in said thumbnail~~  
image storage step;~~

~~a selection step for selecting any one of a plurality of the  
15 displayed thumbnail images; ~~displayed in said display step;~~ and  
reducing the size of the video corresponding to the selected  
thumbnail image to the size of the thumbnail image; and  
playing the reduced-size video in a display position of the  
20 selected thumbnail image.~~

~~a playback step for reducing the size of a particular  
thumbnail image and replaying a video corresponding to said  
selection step in said thumbnail image display position.~~

Claims 12-19 (Canceled).

20. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium  
having a video playback program characterized by execution in  
stored thereon that is executable by a computer comprising a  
first memory and a second memory includes to perform a process  
5 comprising:

~~a thumbnail generation step for generating thumbnail images~~  
~~from a plurality of videos; and for generating thumbnail images~~  
~~in said first memory;~~

~~a thumbnail storage step for storing the thumbnail images of~~  
10 ~~said the videos such that the thumbnail images and the~~  
~~corresponding videos from which the thumbnail images were~~  
~~generated are associated in plural sets; and correspondingly~~  
~~appending plural sets generated in said thumbnail image~~  
~~generation step in a second memory;~~

15 ~~a display step for performing a list display of the~~  
~~thumbnail images for in the plural sets; stored in said thumbnail~~  
~~image storage step;~~

~~a selection step for selecting any one of a plurality of the~~  
~~displayed thumbnail images; displayed in said display step; and~~

20 ~~reducing the size of the video corresponding to the selected~~  
~~thumbnail image to the size of the thumbnail image; and~~

~~playing the reduced-size video in a display position of the~~  
~~selected thumbnail image.~~

25 ~~a playback step for reducing the size of a particular  
thumbnail image and replaying a video corresponding to said  
selection step in said thumbnail image display position.~~

21. (New) The video playback device according to claim 3,  
further comprising means for judging whether or not the playback  
time of the video corresponding to the selected thumbnail image  
is longer than a predetermined time;

5        wherein the reduction means reduces the size of the video  
corresponding to the selected thumbnail image when the playback  
time of the video corresponding to the selected thumbnail image  
is judged to be not longer than the predetermined time.